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<p align="center"><b>Office Action Summary</b></p>	<b>Application No.</b> 09/822,097	<b>Applicant(s)</b> WU, GUANGDIAN GORDON	
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**Status**

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 24 November 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**.                      2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-52 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 38-50 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-37, 51 and 52 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All    b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- \* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

**Attachment(s)**

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)<br>2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)<br>3) <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)<br>Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____ | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)<br>Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____<br>5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)<br>6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |
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### DETAILED ACTION

1. This communication is responsive to applicants response to the election/restriction requirement filed on 11/24/2004 where applicant chose Group I (claims 1-37, 51 and 52). Applicant cancelled claims 38-44.

#### *Specification*

2. The disclosure is objected to because of the following informalities:  
  
On page 2 line 16, change "go a specific" to "go to a specific".  
  
On page 14 line 5, change "The allows" to "This allows".  
  
On page 22 line 5, "one-way connection" in reference to layer 554 in figure 5 should be changed to "two-way connection" as is shown in the figure.  
  
Appropriate correction is required.

#### *Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102*

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

4. Claims 1,2-5,15-26,31-37,51 and 52 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Fabri et al (Publication No US 2002/0116386A1).

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5. In reference to claims 1, 51 and 52, Fabri teaches a personal base process on a computer system, on a computer network, and on a portable computer system respectively, where said computer system, computer network and portable computer system have multiple nodes that are interconnected to facilitate communication between said nodes, said personal base process comprising:

a personal base instance on at least one of said nodes on said computer system, said personal base instance being constructed and arranged to communicate with a user (page 1 paragraphs [0014] – [0016], Fabri discloses a personal preference profile on a node which a user can connect to); and

a personal base server on at least one of said nodes on said computer system, said personal base server being constructed and arranged to communicate with said personal base instance and at least one of said nodes of said computer system other than said user (page 1 paragraphs [0014] – [0016], Fabri discloses a portal server containing a personal preference profile which multiple users can connect to).

6. In reference to claims 2 and 3, Fabri teaches the personal base process as in claim 1, wherein said personal base process further comprises a database in functional communication with said personal base instance, said database constructed and arranged to store data originating from said personal base instance (page 2 paragraphs [0033, 0037 and 0038], Fabri discloses storage for storing user preference data).

7. In reference to claims 4 and 5, Fabri teaches a personal base process as in claim 1, wherein said personal base process further comprises a database in functional communication with said personal base instance, said database constructed and arranged to provide data to said

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personal base instance (page 2 paragraphs [0033, 0037 and 0038], Fabri discloses storage for providing user preference data).

8. In reference to claims 8,10 and 12, Fabri teaches the personal base process as in claim 1, wherein said node of said system in communication with said personal base server is a second instance of a personal base (page 1 paragraphs [0016 – 0024] and page 2 paragraphs [0025 – 0033], Fabri discloses many instances of the preference list in communication with the portal server).

9. In reference to claim 9, Fabri teaches the personal base process as in claim 1, wherein said node of said system in communication with said personal base server is a second user (page 1 paragraphs [0014] – [0016], Fabri discloses multiple users).

10. In reference to claim 11, Fabri teaches the personal base process as in claim 1, wherein said node of said system in communication with said personal base server is a second personal server (page 2 paragraph [0034]).

11. In reference to claims 13 and 14, Fabri teaches the personal base process as in claim 1, wherein said node of said system in communication with said personal base server is another software process; and a third party institution (page 2 paragraphs [0034-0036]).

12. In reference to claims 15-26, 31 and 32, Fabri teaches the personal base process as in claim 1, wherein said node of said system in communication with said personal base server is a telephone caller; an e-mailer, via a telephone; via a personal computer; via a facsimile; via a personal digital assistant; via a keyboard; via a touch sensitive video screen; via e-mail; via a Web page; via a mobile telephone; via a server computer; via a pager (page 1 paragraph [0014] and page 2 paragraphs [0043 – 0044]).

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13. In reference to claim 33, Fabri teaches the personal base process as in claim 1, wherein said personal base has at least one special layer devoted to a specific function (page 1 paragraphs [0016 – 0024] and page 2 paragraphs [0025 – 0033]).

14. In reference to claim 35, Fabri teaches the personal base process as in claim 33, wherein said special layer is devoted to employer information (page 1 paragraphs [0020-0021], Fabri discloses business and company information which can be employer information).

15. In reference to claim 36, Fabri teaches the personal base process as in claim 33, wherein said special layer is devoted to scheduling information (page 2 paragraphs [0027 and 0032]).

16. In reference to claim 37, Fabri teaches the personal base process as in claim 33, wherein said special layer is devoted to messages (page 2 paragraph [0029], Fabri discloses news messages).

### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103***

17. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

18. Claims 6,7,27-30 and 34 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Fabri et al (Publication No US 2002/0116386A1) in view of Moshfeghi et al (US Patent No 6,076,166).

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19. In reference to claims 6 and 34, Fabri teaches the personal base process as in claim 1. Fabri fails to explicitly teach wherein said personal base server has a dedicated medical layer. However, Moshfeghi teaches a personalized hospital portal for the purpose of personalizing medical network accessibility for users (column 2 lines 5-10, 25-40 & 58-64).

It would have been obvious for one of ordinary skill in the art to modify Fabri by making the personal base server as a dedicated medical layer as per the teachings of Mashfeghi for the purpose of personalizing medical network accessibility for users.

20. In reference to claim 7, Fabri teaches the base process as in claim 6. Fabri fails to explicitly teach wherein said node of said system in communication with said dedicated medical layer of said personal base server is a medical institution. However, Moshfeghi teaches a personalized hospital (medical institution) portal for the purpose of personalizing medical network accessibility for users (column 2 lines 5-10, 25-40 & 58-64).

It would have been obvious for one of ordinary skill in the art to modify Fabri by making the node of said system in communication with said dedicated medical layer of said personal base server is a medical institution as per the teachings of Mashfeghi for the purpose of personalizing medical network accessibility for users.

21. In reference to claim 27, Fabri teaches the personal base process as in claim 1. Fabri fails to explicitly teach wherein communication between said personal base instance and said user is via a smart card. However, Moshfeghi teaches portal communication via a smart card for the purpose of personalizing medical network accessibility for users (column 1 lines 45-57 and column 4 lines 5-10 & 43-60).

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It would have been obvious for one of ordinary skill in the art to modify Fabri by making communication between said personal base instance and said user is via a smart card as per the teachings of Moshfeghi for the purpose of personalizing medical network accessibility for users.

22. In reference to claims 28-30, Fabri teaches the personal base process as in claim 1, including where a user is authenticated (page 2 paragraph [0033]). Fabri fails to explicitly teach wherein said communication between said personal base instance and said user is authenticated via an identification card; via a smart card; and via a credit card. However, Moshfeghi teaches portal communication via an identification card, a smart card, and a credit card for the purpose of reliably personalizing medical network accessibility for users (column 1 lines 45-57 and column 4 lines 5-10 & 43-60).

It would have been obvious for one of ordinary skill in the art to modify Fabri by making communication between said personal base instance and said user is authenticated via an identification card; via a smart card; and via a credit card as per the teachings of Moshfeghi for the purpose of reliably personalizing medical network accessibility for users.

### ***Conclusion***

23. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure:

Patent No US006424979B1, which teaches selecting a browser portal customized for a user.

Patent No US006691106B1, which teaches a web portal for locating content based on a profile.



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Patent No US006510451B2, which teaches an Internet portal for interacting with one or more web sites.

Patent No US006199077B1, which teaches Internet navigation via an portal.

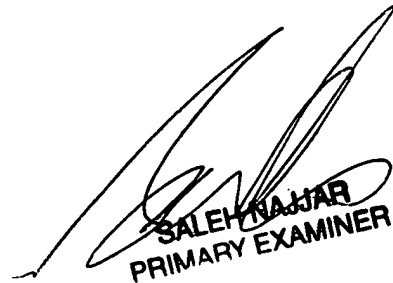
Patent No US006412073B1, which teaches an Internet portal.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ramy M Osman whose telephone number is (571) 272-4008. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 9-5.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ario Etienne can be reached on (571) 272-4001. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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